

July 20, 2010

Dear Nuclear Medicine Professional,

Today the Nuclear Research & consultancy Group (NRG) in the Netherlands notified its customers that the repairs of the High Flux Reactor (HFR) are nearly complete. They have received approval from Dutch authorities for their return to service plan. HFR now plans to begin operation in early September, 2010, with molybdenum 99 (Mo 99) target irradiation beginning soon thereafter. Resulting Mo 99 supply for generator production is expected in mid-September.

Covidien has successfully worked with the Maria Research Reactor in Poland to secure additional Mo 99 during this extension of HFR unavailability. We are also in contact with other currently-producing Mo 99 sources to obtain any further Mo 99 they may have available during that time.

An August weekly view projection calendar for Mo 99/Tc 99m generator deliveries\* in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) follows. Estimates are, as always, subject to change.

AUGUST 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	X	X	X	X
29	30	31				

	Generator standing orders met with some extra
	Majority of generator standing orders met but no extra
	Generator standing order shortage resulting in size reductions, Tc 99m shortage
	Significant shortage to generator standing orders, severe Tc 99m shortage
X	No Mo99 supply expected. Generator production canceled.

\*Assuming delivery one working day after shipment

We also continue to increase production of thallium Tl 201 within our supply capacity for those procedures where it can be a clinically appropriate substitute. You are encouraged to interact frequently with your Covidien representative and Covidien Customer Service representative to ensure your thallium needs are known.

We are committed to frequent communication when new updates are available. Please visit us at [www.covidien.com/Mo99supply](http://www.covidien.com/Mo99supply) to learn more in the meantime.

Sincerely,



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